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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
California Department of Transportation
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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Tulare County Association of Governments' 2004 Federal Transportation
Improvement Program Amendment No. 20

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed reviewing the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 20 submitted by your letter dated May 8, 2006. The amendment includes changes to the local element of the FTIP by modifying the Recreational Trails Program lump sum amounts by programming two new projects.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450 and the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we approve this amendment. We find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The approved changes made to the FTIP by this amendment do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of TCAG's 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 20 into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute project eligibility determinations for any of the projects in this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa with the FHWA at (916) 498-5022 or mayela.sosa@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mayela Sosa

For
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